

Amendments to the Claims:

Claims 1-10, 13-18, and 21-27 are currently pending. Claims 1-3, 5-10, and 13-18 have been amended. Claims 11-12 and 19-20 have been canceled. Claims 21-27 have been added. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended): A passive media content access system, comprising:

~~a control station;~~

a housing;

an electronic system disposed in said housing and configured to store ~~capable of storing and uploading~~ event data relating to ~~at least one media event~~ a plurality of media events, wherein said ~~electronic system contains~~ event data for each media event includes information for a current time, a current date, a current device, and/or a current channel associated with said media event; and

a communication device disposed in said housing and electronically coupled ~~connected~~ to said electronic system, said communication device being web enabled and configured to transfer for uploading said event data for each said media event to said control station via a network connection; and

~~an input means connected to said electronic system.~~

wherein said control station is configured to analyze said event data for at least one user behavior pattern, and provide predictive information, which is based on said user behavior pattern, to said electronic system via said network connection with said communication device for automatic control of one or more user electronic systems by said electronic system.

2. (Currently Amended): The passive media content access system of Claim 1, further including an input device configured to accept user input for controlling said electronic system and said one or more user electronic systems, wherein said electronic system is

configured to store the event data based on said user input. ~~wherein said input means includes a keypad.~~

3. (Currently Amended): The passive media content access system of Claim 2, wherein said input ~~means~~ device includes a display.

4. (Original): The passive media content access system of Claim 3, wherein said electronic system is capable of receiving user preference data relating to personal preferences.

5. (Currently Amended): The passive media content access system of Claim 4, wherein said control station is configured to communicate ~~in communication~~ with a plurality of programming stations via the network connection for receiving said predictive information ~~updated media event information.~~

6. (Currently Amended): The passive media content access system of Claim 5, wherein said control station is configured to compare ~~compares~~ said event data to said media event information to determine ~~what a~~ a type of information to send to said user.

7. (Currently Amended): The passive media content access system of Claim 6, wherein said control station is programmable by said user to ~~reflect~~ include information for said personal preferences.

8. (Currently Amended): The passive media content access system of Claim 7, wherein said personal preferences includes ~~type of information to receive relating~~ related to said media event.

9. (Currently Amended): The passive media content access system of Claim 8, wherein said communication device is configured to communicate ~~in communication~~ with said control station via a ~~global computer~~ network.

10. (Currently Amended): A method of using a passive media content access system having an electronic system with a communication device and an input device, wherein

said communication device is in communication with a control station, said method comprising the steps of:

(a) changing a device setting relating to a media event; and

(b) logging an event data within said electronic system, wherein said event data is comprised of a current date, a current time, a current device, and/or a current channel that is associated with a media event consumed by a user at substantially the time of said logging of said event data;

transferring said event data to said control station from said communication device, which is network enabled, via a network communication link;

determining an identity of said media event from said event data;

determining whether information is available regarding said media event; and
providing said available information to said user.

11 - 12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended): The method of using a passive media content access system of Claim [[12]] 10, wherein the step of providing includes transferring said available information to said communication device via said web communication link ~~providing available information to said user.~~

14. (Currently Amended): The method of using a passive media content access system of Claim 13, ~~including wherein~~ the step of providing includes ~~-(g)~~ sending an e-mail containing said available information to a computer that is associated with said user.

15. (Currently Amended): The method of using a passive media content access system of Claim [[12]] 10, including the step of:

(f) providing available information depending upon predefined user preferences.

16. (Currently Amended): The method of using a passive media content access system of Claim 10, including the steps of:

(e) determining at least one favorite media event based ~~upon~~ on said event data;
and

(d) setting a reminder for said at least one favorite media event to alert a user ~~to~~
~~the upcoming event of~~ said at least one favorite media event.

17. (Currently Amended): The method of using a passive media content access system of Claim [[16]] 10, including the steps of:

determining at least one favorite media event based on said event data;

(e) determining whether proper device states are in effect for at least one external electronic device for consumption of said at least one favorite media event; and

(f) if said proper device state are not in effect, switching said at least one external electronic device to a proper device state for consumption of said at least one favorite media event. if not in said proper device state.

18. (Currently Amended): A method of using a passive media content access system having an electronic system with a communication device and an input device, wherein said communication device is configured to communicate ~~in communication~~ with a control station, said method comprising the steps of:

(a) initializing programming a current date, a current time, a current device, and a current channel for a media event into said electronic system;

(b) changing a device setting of at least one electronic device for consumption of another relating to a media event; and

(c) logging ~~an~~ event data within said electronic system, wherein said event data is comprised of a current date, a current time, a current device, and/or ~~and~~ a current channel that is associated with said other media event; at the time of logging said event data

transferring said event data to said control station from said communication device, which is network enabled, via a network communication link;

determining an identity of said media event from said event data;

determining whether information is available regarding said media event; and

providing said available information to said user.

19 - 20. (Canceled)

21. (New) The passive media content access system of claim 1, wherein said event data includes a length of time one or more of said media events is consumed by a user.

22. (New) The passive media content access system of claim 1, wherein said event data includes a number of times the user has consumed select media events of a select media event type.

23. (New) The passive media content access system of claim 22, wherein if said number is greater than or equal to a threshold number, said electronic system and/or said control system is configured recognize a user behavior pattern for said event data.

24. (New) The passive media content access system of claim 1, wherein if said user behavior pattern is recognized, said predictive information is configured to include instructions for said automatic control of said one or more user electronic systems.

25. (New) The passive media content access system of claim 1, wherein said user electronic systems includes a television, a video cassette recorder, and/or a stereo.

26. (New) The method of using a passive media content access system of Claim 18, including the steps of:

determining at least one favorite media event based on said event data; and
setting a reminder for said at least one favorite media event to alert a user of the
broadcasting said at least one favorite media event.

27. (New): The method of using a passive media content access system of Claim 18, including the steps of:

determining whether proper device states are in effect for at least one external
electronic device for consumption of said at least one favorite media event; and

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if said proper device state are not in effect, switching said at least one external electronic device to a proper device state for consumption of said at least one favorite media event.